



TROOP 629

Adventures in Scouting

August 2022 Newsletter

Upcoming Events

August 15: Board of Review
August 29: Court of Honor
September 3: Outing! Helen Tubing
September 5: Labor Day - no weekly meeting
September 17 & 18: Outing! Jacks River Backpacking



[More Events on Troop 629 Calendar](#)



Scoutmaster Minute

by Jason Sutton

Another summer has wrapped up with activities such as Summer Camp, NYLT, and backpacking at Philmont! The Troop moves back to our regular structured meetings (including Instruction Periods and a Program) starting 8/8 in full class-A uniform. We have Back-to-Basics at Dauset Trails this month and the two September (Helen Tubing, Backpacking Jack's River) outings are planned with flyers on the back table during weekly meetings and on our troop website (www.troop629.org). October and November flyers will be coming soon. Please remember, registration for all outings is two weeks in advance to help the adult in charge prepare/plan for the trip with drivers, reservations, grubmaster menus, and more.

As your school and Fall activities begin, be sure and use our troop website calendar to help plan a balanced mix of personal, school, sports, church, and scout activities. With a balanced plan you too can reach your goal of Eagle!

Announcements

Dues - Annual dues are due at this time. Despite an increase in fees from the Council, our troop dues will not increase. Dues can be paid to Tiffany Benton during weekly meetings. Youth Scout fees for 2022 are \$110 Adult Scout fees for 2022 are \$50. Adults can pay out of HA account. If you want to pay this way, email [Tiffany Benton](mailto:Tiffany.Benton).



Medical Record Reminder - If an annual physical is in your plans, remember to renew your [Annual Health and Medical Records](#).

Upcoming Events and Outings

Register at least 2 weeks in Advance

September 3: Outing! Helen Tubing - Sign up by August 22

Join us for a day of tubing in Helen.

Depart: September 3, 8 AM - depart from South Campus

Return: September 3, around 5 PM

Cost: \$35 plus cash for lunch and personal spending. More details, including what to wear, [here](#)

High Adventure Opportunities

Sea Base 2023 Coral Reef Sailing

May 27 - June 2, 2023

Those who have signed up should look for details coming soon.

Northern Tier - Gauging Interest

Summer 2023

Our troop is exploring the opportunity of a summer 2023 trip to the Northern Tier High Adventure Base near Ely, Minnesota. This 7-day-trek would involve canoeing and portaging through Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Specific costs will be determined as the trip shapes up, but is expected to be in the \$1500 range. If you are interested, please contact Mr. Hundt at gkhundt@mindspring.com. [Flyer](#)

National Jamboree

Summer 2023

National Jamboree - National Jamboree is July 19 - 28, 2023 at Summit Bechtel Reserve. National Jamboree is 360-degrees of fun, friends and fellowship with hands-on adventure that takes you places you never thought you'd go and challenge you to try things you never thought you could. Individuals can attend as part of the Council. Speak with Mr. Sutton if you are interested or find information on the [website](#).

Small Group Meetings

Troop Committee Chairs

Our next Troop 629 Committee Meeting will be 5 PM Sunday, September 11. Virtual link will be emailed.

Patrol Leader's Council

The next PLC meetings will be on September 8, 2022.

Assistant Scoutmaster Meeting

The Troop 629 Assistant Scoutmasters (ASM) meeting is held on the first Wednesday of the 3rd Month of each quarter. The next meeting is September 7, 2022.

Adult Volunteers

Interested in Helping? Please see Troop Committee Chair Kelley Hundt at our weekly meeting or contact her via email at kellyhundt@gmail.com to see where you might be able to support our Scouts.



Merit Badges

The Merit Badge Process

There are more than 135 merit badges a Scout can earn!

1. Choose a Merit Badge that interests you: [BSA Merit Badge page](#).
2. Obtain a Blue Card from Mr. Sutton at a meeting for permission to start working on the badge.
3. Ask Mr. Sutton for a counselor to help plan any work on the badge.
4. Complete the [Merit Badge Requirements](#). Please remember: Troop meetings are for group development and NOT for Merit Badge time. The only exception on Mondays is that a Scout may opt to work on Merit Badges during game time.
5. Read the Merit Badge Book cover to cover. Books may be obtained from the Scout Store, other scouts, our Lending Closet or the library. Scouts occasionally come forward without reading the whole MB book. This is not negotiable, and it doesn't matter where the MB was started or with whom.
6. Meet with your pre-approved Counselor, or ask Mr. Sutton for a counselor, to review your work. Bring any paperwork and be prepared to explain, show or



complete the requirements as detailed. It's not a memory test - it is about comprehension and covering the material as stated.

The 14 specific MB required for Eagle Scout can be found [Here](#).

Sign Up for Merit Badge Help Night

Keep Up to Date!

The Troop calendar has all events. Take a look ahead to see which adventures you don't want to miss!

[Click here or on the calendar image to see!](#)

Newsletters

All previous newsletters, pictures, calendars and events are on the website. If you have any newsletter questions, please contact [Edie Gibson](#), the Communications Chair.

Life to Eagle

Check with Advancement Chair Mr. Jackson to see where you are with merit badges, attendance, leadership position, and other rank requirements. Check with Scoutmaster Mr. Sutton in regards to Eagle Projects.

Follow Us on Facebook for photos and updates on Troop adventures!

